- 1 A It's my understanding that as changes of something
- like 10 percent that require reporting. I am not, you know,
- fully conversant in FCC rulings, but that's -- the figure of
- 4 10 percent, I don't know why, sticks in my head.
- 5 Q You don't know why you're saying 10 percent?
- 6 A I'm sure I must have discussed it with counsel.
- 7 I'm not talking about this particular point, but at some
- 8 point or other.
- 9 On page 4 of this exhibit, there was a change made
- 10 substituting Diana Grumer for her husband, is that correct?
- 11 A I see the \sim -
- 12 JUDGE STEINBERG: Are you talking about the --
- MS. LANCASTER: The paragraph --
- JUDGE STEINBERG: -- typed number page?
- 15 MS. LANCASTER: No. It's four of the exhibit.
- 16 It's paragraph number 5.
- 17 THE WITNESS: Oh, okay.
- 18 MS. LANCASTER: That might be the easiest way to.
- 19 THE WITNESS: I see it.
- 20 BY MS. LANCASTER:
- Q Now, when you looked at the general partnership
- 22 list -- remember we just looked at that exhibit which is
- 23 Exhibit 20? On Exhibit 20 --
- A Excuse me just a second. Exhibit 20?
- 25 O Correct.

- 1 A I've got terms and conditions mutual --
- Oh, wait. Maybe it's the wrong exhibit number.
- 3 It's not 20. It's stuck in the wrong place. All right.
- 4 Exhibit 23. I'm sorry.
- 5 A Okay. The agreement of general partnership?
- 6 O Correct.
- 7 A Yes.
- 8 O In Exhibit A it shows Eugene Grumer as the
- 9 partner
- 10 A Yes.
- JUDGE STEINBERG: That's page 14, the last page
- MS. LANCASTER: Correct.
- 13 BY MS. LANCASTER:
- 14 O You didn't notice that that was an error?
- 15 A (No response.!
- 17 the partner?
- 18 A I recall Eugene Grumer saying -- I thought it was
- 19 at that first partnership meeting -- "I'm not the partner.
- 20 This is wrong. It's my wife Diana." That's what I
- 21 remember.
- 22 Q Did you have any documents that would indicate
- that Diana is the person that paid the fees or originally
- signed up as the partner?
- 25 A No. I had none of those documents at that time.

- JUDGE STEINBERG: Can I interrupt? Are you going
- 2 to switch exhibits now, do you think?
- 3 MS. LANCASTER: I've got a few more questions
- 4 about this one first.
- JUDGE STEINBERG: Okay.
- 6 THE WITNESS: Excuse me. After Ms. Lancaster
- 7 finishes the line of questioning, could I just take a brief
- 8 break?
- JUDGE STEINBERG: Yes, Of course.
- 10 MS. LANCASTER: We can take a break right now if
- 11 you'd like.
- 12 JUDGE STEINBERG: DO you want to do it now?
- 13 THE WITNESS: If you wouldn't mind.
- MS. LANCASTER: That'd be fine.
- JUDGE STEINBERG: No, okay. Why don't we excuse
- the witness because I've got a question I don't want the
- witness to be in the room to hear. It's got nothing to do
- 18 with you.
- 19 THE WITNESS: Fine. I'll wait outside.
- JUDGE STEINBERG: Then maybe after I get finished,
- then we'll take a break. Mr. Hill will tell you when it's
- 22 time to come back.
- THE WITNESS: Thank YOU, Your Honor.
- 24 (Witness temporarily excused.)
- JUDGE STEINBERG: Okay. The first thing I want to

- 1 ask about is -- and this is for my own curiosity purposes --
- 2 is there a rule in the cellular rules somewhere about
- 3 reporting changes in ownership interests or does Section
- 4 1.65 apply to these?
- 5 MR. HILL: Certainly 165 applies.
- JUDGE STEINBERG: Okay, but is there a separate
- 7 rule in the cellular rules regarding ownership changes?
- 8 MR. HILL: Well currently, I don't recall that
- 9 you'd -- separate from 165 -- I've got part 22 here.
- JUDGE STEINBERG: Okay. That's something, you
- 11 know, I'm just curious about because I know what 1.65 says.
- MR. EVANS: There's one peculiar area of the
- 13 cellular rules was that until your application was selected,
- 14 you couldn't file an amendment.
- 15 JUDGE STEINBERG: Okay, unless you were the
- selectee, you could not file an amendment.
- 17 MR. EVANS: Right, so this application, for
- 18 example, was filed in '88 or '89 --
- 19 JUDGE STEINBERG: Right.
- 20 MR. EVANS: -- but until they were selected in
- '92, they couldn't file an amendment and that's why they
- 22 came in in May and filed the amendment.
- JUDGE STEINBERG: And filed that big huge thick
- 24 thing.
- MR. EVANS: Yeah, right.

- JUDGE STEINBERG: But I'm just wondering as a
- 2 general principal, are we dealing with 1.65 which talks
- 3 about substantial and significant changes --
- 4 MS. LANCASTER: But back fact in 1990 -- that was
- 5 changed.
- JUDGE STEINBERG: No, 1.65 has always been that
- 7 way, right?
- 8 MR. HILL: Mr. Evans is correct that there's some
- 9 unique limitations with respect to lottery applications and
- 10 their -- that RSA time frame.
- 11 JUDGE STEINBERG: Okay.
- 12 MR. HILL: 165 is basically the same
- JUDGE STEINBERG: Right, forever.
- MR. HILL: Well, yeah, for a long time and
- 15 certainly, I don't think anyone quarrels, 165 applies.
- 16 MS. LANCASTER: The 22922, Your Honor, I believe
- 17 back in 1992 which is the copy of Intervenor's Exhibit 1.
- 18 JUDGE STEINBERG: That's the one that said you
- 19 couldn't --
- MR. EVANS: Yeah, that says you can't change. It
- doesn't have to do with what you file with the Commission.
- JUDGE STEINBERG: Right, it doesn't. I'm talking
- about amendments.
- MS. LANCASTER: Oh, okay.
- JUDGE STEINBERG: I'm not sure I see where you're

- going with these questions, and for my own mind to
- 2 understand the questions because if there's a two percent
- 3 change, you're going to argue it's a violation of 1.65
- 4 because it's substantial and significant, and they're going
- 5 to argue two percent change is not substantial and
- 6 significant and did not have to be reported.
- 7 What I want to know in my own brain is -- forget
- 8 about whether it violates the other rule -- but what I am
- 9 trying to organize in my own brain is do I have to think
- 10 about more than one? Is there a specific rule that says in
- cellular applications if there's this percent of change you
- 12 have to report it? I am just throwing that out. Somebody
- may want to address it later, but apparently there may be or
- 14 there -- for reporting purposes.
- 15 MR. EVANS: The reason it's significant is because
- 16 you couldn't make even a thousandth of a partnership
- 17 change --
- 18 JUDGE STEINBERG: Right.
- 19 MR. EVANS: -- without, or it was just prohibited.
- JUDGE STEINBERG: Right.
- 21 MR. EVANS: So if you were going to do it, you had
- 22 to get a waiver.
- JUDGE STEINBERG: Okay.
- MR. EVANS: So that's why you saw in the first
- 25 amendment that was filed, the request for the waiver --

- JUDGE STEINBERG: Okay. If you want to contradict
- 2 that.
- MR. HILL: No. I don't contradict Mr. Evans' --
- 4 JUDGE STEINBERG: Okay.
- 5 MR. HILL: -- interpretation and the 22922, no.
- JUDGE STEINBERG: Okay, but what I'm concerned
- 7 about is there something more than 1.65 in terms of
- 8 reporting it because that's where I see some of your
- 9 questions going, at least in my own mind. Whether that's
- 10 true or not, I don't know. The second question I had is --
- MR. EVANS: Actually, I think there is something
- more and that's disclosing who your partner -- because this
- was a general partnership.
- 14 JUDGE STEINBERG: Yes.
- 15 MR. EVANS: Even though they were small interest,
- if a new general partner is one, that's considered
- 17 significant, and I believe there's a --
- 18 JUDGE STEINBERG: Yes, I would think that would
- 19 be.
- 20 MS. LANCASTER: And we consider, for example,
- 21 Diana Grumer to be a new partner because everything was
- 22 listed in the name of her husband --
- JUDGE STEINBERG: Well.
- MS. LANCASTER: -- and they're not going to
- 25 consider that a new partner. They're going to argue that --

- 1 JUDGE STEINBERG: It is an error that they
- 2 correct.
- MS. LANCASTER: It was an error, and we're going
- 4 to have an opposite view on that.
- 5 JUDGE STEINBERG: Well, okay. I understand. I
- 6 understood that is where you were going on that. I do not
- 7 have any problem with that, I mean understanding.
- 8 The second thing is in Exhibit 13, typed page with
- 9 the number four on the bottom -- it 1S actually page five of
- 10 the exhibit -- in any event, it is paragraph six. This is
- 11 what confuses me.
- Maybe you can all stipulate. We have a sentence
- in there that says Alee's application for Texas 21 chambers
- as not filed until October 8, 1988, after Mr. Riahi acquired
- 15 Sharifan's interest, etcetera.
- 16 You look at Exhibit 12, and the received stamp on
- 17 the application for Texas 21 is April 15, 1992, and if you
- 18 can reach a stipulation that would explain that for the
- 19 record -- that very much confused me when I was reading
- 20 through the exhibits.
- 21 MR. HILL: In RSA cellular applications, if Don
- 22 can help me on this -- you didn't file the original
- application. You filed a sheet that just gave some basic
- information, market, and a microfiche copy.
- MR. EVANS: Right.

- MR. HILL: Only if you were picked in a lottery
- would you then submit the original application.
- MR. EVANS: That's right.
- 4 MR. HILL: And then that triggered your right then
- 5 to do a minor amendment.
- JUDGE STEINBERG: Okay, so then on October 8,
- 7 1988, you filed your little --
- 8 MR, HILL: That's right.
- 9 JUDGE STEINBERG: What did you call that?
- MR. HILL: Microfiche.
- 11 MR. EVANS: Microfiche.
- 12 JUDGE STEINBERG: You filed your microfiche
- 13 application.
- MR. EVANS: That's correct.
- MR. HILL: That's right.
- 16 JUDGE STEINBERG: Then you were selected.
- 17 MR. HILL: In a lottery in 1992.
- 18 JUDGE STEINBERG: And then you filed --
- MR. EVANS: The hard copy.
- MR. HILL: The hard copy, that's why --
- 21 JUDGE STEINBERG: The hard copy which is?
- MR. HILL: That's why it has a 1992 file date on
- 23 it.
- JUDGE STEINBERG: That's Bureau Exhibit 12
- MR. HILL: That's right.

- JUDGE STEINBERG: Well, would you accept that?
- 2 Can we accept that as a stipulation just the way it is
- 3 stated on the record to explain the dates subject to check?
- 4 MS. LANCASTER: (No response.)
- 5 JUDGE STEINBERG: Well, think about it and then
- 6 maybe talk to people about it and then let us know, please.
- 7 MS. LANCASTER: Okay.
- 8 JUDGE STEINBERG: I do not want to be confused
- 9 about anything, and I do not know how these things work.
- 10 MR, EVANS: Well, I can see how that would have
- 11 been confusing if you weren't filing these things all the
- 12 time like Mr. Hill and I.
- JUDGE STEINBERG: Yes. Okay. Let's take a break
- 14 now until about 2:35.
- (Whereupon, a short recess was taken.)
- 16 JUDGE STEINBERG: Back on the record.
- 17 BY MS. LANCASTER:
- 18 O Mr. Bernstein, in paragraph number six of Exhibit
- 19 13, Alee is notifying the FCC that Mr. Riahi is --
- 20 A Could you give me that again? Paragraph 6 of?
- 21 Q Paragraph number 6.
- JUDGE STEINBERG: Exhibit 13.
- THE WITNESS: Okay. I have it on page 4.
- JUDGE STEINBERG: Correct.
- 25 BY MS. LANCASTER:

- 1 0 Correct.
- 2 A Yes. I'm sorry.
- 3 Q Alee is notifying the FCC that Mr. Riahi is to be
- 4 substituted for Mr. Sharifan, is that correct?
- 5 A Yes.
- 7 that Mr. Riahi was a U.S. Citizen?
- 8 A That he had completed a form. I don't know what
- 9 they had done to look into Mr. Riahi other than the
- 10 questionnaire.
- 11 Q Well, Mr. Sharifan had completed that same form,
- 12 hadn't he?
- 13 A Yes, he had.
- 14 Q And he had put down he was a citizen, didn't he?
- 15 A All I know is that we were told that a U.S.
- 16 Citizen had been substituted for the alien. I don't know
- 17 what was done to confirm his citizenship.
- 18 Q Okay. In paragraph 7 on the next page.
- 19 A Yes.
- Q It talks about the existence of a multilateral
- 21 agreement. Are you talking about the risk sharing agreement
- 22 there?
- 23 A Yes. That's what it sounds like, yes.
- Q Why didn't you just call it a risk sharing
- 25 agreement?

- 1 A I didn't prepare this, counsel did. I don't know
- why they referred it to that process.
- 3 O At the time that this was filed, was the executive
- 4 committee reviewing all filings for the FCC?
- 5 A In other words, did we see filings for the FCC?
- 6 Yes.
- 7 Q You were previewing them, is that correct?
- 8 A Yes. I would say so.
- 9 O This is filed on May 11, 1992, I believe it states
- 10 on the first page. Is that correct?
- 11 A Yes. I recall seeing that.
- 12 Q So in May of 1992, my understanding of your prior
- 13 testimony is that the management committee, the executive
- 14 committee, was now reviewing all filings with the FCC,
- 15 reviewing them before they were filed.
- 16 A Yes. We were getting them, yes.
- 17 Q Do you recall looking at this document?
- 18 A 7 don't recall specifically, but I'm sure I did.
- 19 Q Okay. Paragraph 7 didn't strike you as odd that
- 20 you don't just cal it the risk sharing agreement?
- A No, it d dn't.
- Q When was the New Mexico 3 permit granted to Alee,
- 23 do you recall, the construction permit?
- A No, I don't recall specifically. I'm trying to
- think whether it was '89 or '90. I don't recall.

- Okay. Looking at attachment one -- I don't have
- 2 my pages numbered, so I'mgoing to have to describe where
- 3 I'm looking at.
- 4 A This same exhibit?
- 5 O The same exhibit, attachment one --
- 6 JUDGE STEINBERG: It's about three pages down.
- 7 BY MS. LANCASTER:
- 8 Q There's a letter dated April 30, 1990, to --
- 9 A Yes.
- 10 Q Ms. Donna Searcy, secretary of the FCC?
- 11 A Yes.
- 0 On the third page of that letter --
- 13 A Yes.
- 14 Q Well, actually on the second page of that letter,
- it starts at the bottom which is numbered paragraph two --
- 16 you're reporting that Kenneth Klein who is a partner in
- 17 Cellular Dreams and Cellular Dreams was a partner in Alee,
- 18 is that correct?
- 19 A Yes.
- 20 Q Attempted to transfer one-half of his interest in
- 21 his Cellular Dreams partnership interest to
- J. Robert Brubaker (phonetic). Does that correctly
- 23 summarize --
- 24 A Yes.
- 25 Q -- what's contained in that paragraph two?

- A Yes.
- 2 Q In fact, it was not an attempt to transfer one-
- 3 half of his interest, was it? It was very similar to the
- 4 risk sharing agreement is what he tried to enter it into.
- 5 Do you recall that?
- 6 A I thought that they had tried to do some kind of a
- 7 swap.
- 9 document for you. If you keep looking at -- page back
- 10 through. You'll see attachment A --
- 11 A Yes.
- 0 Which contains a declaration, and it contains an
- assignment agreement, and then you get to attachment B.
- \mathbf{A} Yes.
- 15 Q Are you familiar with this partnership agreement?
- 16 A I've seen it. I mean, I'm not totally familiar
- 17 with it, but yes, I've seen it.
- 18 Q Would you not characterize this as a risk sharing
- 19 agreement?
- 20 A (Reviewing document.) It sounds very similar
- 21 Q That being the case, why was it in the main
- 22 document characterized as an out and out fifty percent
- 23 assignment?
- 24 A I don't know why. I thought it was described to
- 25 me that it was an assignment.

- 1 Q Well, didn't you look at these documents before
- they were submitted to the FCC?
- 3 A I must have seen this. I didn't focus on it. I
- 4 don't know why.
- 5 Q Tell me who DMTV Cellular Partnership is.
- A I'm not exactly certain. It was part of -- it was
- 7 somehow connected with Cellular Dreams.
- 8 Q If you go to attachment D. If you keep going
- through the document, you'll get to attachment D and you see
- 10 a partnership agreement for DMTV Cellular Partnership, and
- 11 if you ~-
- 12 A Excuse me just a second. (Locating document.)
- Okay, here's D.
- 14 O Did you find it?
- 15 A Yes. I have it here.
- 16 Q If you go to appendix A which is right behind
- that, it indicates that John P. Dolph n is a 40 percent
- 18 partner in DMTV Cellular Partnership?
- 19 **A** Yes.
- 20 Q John Dolphin was initially ctive in the Alee
- 21 partnership, wasn't he?
- 22 A Well, it was Cellular Dreams. He would often come
- as the representative that his wife didn't come to the
- 24 meetings which were four hours away
- 25 Q He didn't live four hours away also?

- 1 A He lived -- yes, so he would often come in her
- 2 place as representative of Cellular Dreams.
- 3 Q Wasn't he, in fact, elected to the executive
- 4 committee or something initially?
- 5 A Yes. That was done in error and corrected, and
- 6 Becky Jo was substituted.
- 7 0 When was that?
- 8 A That was early on at the first few meet ngs.
- 9 Q So when he came to the partnership meet ngs
- initially, no one knew that he was coming as his wife's
- 11 representative. Evidently, everyone thought he was coming
- as a partner. Would that be a correct statement?
- 13 A Like that first meeting, I didn't know who anybody
- 14 was who was there, who was Cellular Dreams, who was
- 15 Northeast Cellular. There was a bunch of faces at that
- 16 first meeting. It wasn't until the second or third meeting
- 17 that we started to get to know who was who. And it was
- discovered that he's not a partner in Alee Cellular. How
- 19 can he be on the executive Committee?
- 20 O Did he indicate when he was elected to the
- 21 executive committee that he was a partner?
- 22 A I don't know that he did. There were just
- nominations made as to who would be on the executive
- 24 committee, and the people who were the most vocal at the
- 25 meeting wound up getting elected.

- Q Please turn to Exhibit 14. Do you recognize this
- 2 document?
- 3 A Yes.
- 4 Q This is a June 10, 1993, amendment to Alee's
- 5 application, is that correct?
- 6 A Yes, that's correct.
- 7 Q In this particular document, Alee is reporting
- 8 ownership percentage changes of various partners. Is that
- 9 true?
- 10 A Yes, that's correct.
- 11 Q Is this the only document that Alee has filed with
- the Commission reporting ownership percentage changes?
- 13 A I believe that there was something about ownership
- 14 changes that was filed recently, very recently, but other
- than that, I believe that this is the small changes.
- 16 Q So this was filed in June of '93. From 1988 until
- June of '93, there was no other notification to the FCC of
- 18 any percentage of ownership changes, is that correct?
- 19 A Yes, that is correct.
- 20 MS. LANCASTER: I believe, Your Honor, Exhibit 14
- 21 has already been admitted. If not --
- JUDGE STEINBERG: That's correct.
- MS. LANCASTER: -- I would ask that it be admitted
- 24 now.
- JUDGE STEINBERG: It has been admitted.

- 1 MR. HILL: It's been admitted.
- MS. LANCASTER: Yes, sir. And at this point, I
- would like to ask that EB Exhibit 13 also be received.
- 4 JUDGE STEINBERG: Wait just one second.
- 5 MS. LANCASTER: Okay.
- 6 JUDGE STEINBERG: Any objection for the receipt of
- 7 EB number 13?
- 8 MR. HILL: No objection
- 9 MR. EVANS: No objection.
- 10 JUDGE STEINBERG: Enforcement Bureau Exhibit No.
- 11 13 is received
- 12 (The document referred to,
- previously identified as EB
- 14 Exhibit No. 13, was received
- in evidence.)
- 16 BY MS. LANCASTER:
- 17 Q Let's move on to Exhibit 15. Do you recognize
- 18 that document, Mr. Bernstein?
- 19 A Yes.
- 20 Q Did you review it prior to it being filed with the
- 21 Commission?
- 22 A I believe that I did
- MS. LANCASTER: Your Honor, I would ask that
- 24 Exhibit 15 also be received into evidence, and it consists
- of a September 21, 1999, cover letter forwarding to the FCC

and amendment of Alee Cellular to its application. I have

- 2 not counted the number of pages, and I'll do that at this
- 3 moment.
- JUDGE STEINBERG: Well, I have 12 pages and the
- 5 document described will be marked for identification as
- 6 Enforcement Bureau Exhibit 15.
- 7 (The document referred to was
- 8 marked for identification as
- 9 EB Exhibit No. 15.)
- 10 JUDGE STEINBERG: Any objection to it's receipt?
- MR. HILL: Well, I have an objection on the basis
- of relevancy. The witness recognized it. There were no
- other questions. It deals with the financial showing.
- Never questioned what probative value it has with respect to
- 15 the issues here.
- 16 MS. LANCASTER: Your Honor, just one of the ways
- 17 it has value is that in the prior testimony and in the
- 18 statement of Ms. Clark that I believe will be upcoming,
- 19 there's been testimony about Alee's difficulty in obtaining
- 20 financing, just as one thing.
- 21 And in this it shows that, you know -- one of my
- 22 points is that I'm going to show that they really got
- financing, whatever financing they needed, and this is where
- 24 they filed with the Commission saying they've gotten the
- 25 financing.

- MR. HILL: The difficulty in financing was
- 2 building out in New Mexico. This is the Texas 21
- 3 application.
- 4 JUDGE STEINBERG: Let's wait for Ms, Clark's
- 5 testimony.
- 6 MS. LANCASTER: Okay
- JUDGE STEINBERG: I assume the offer is withdrawn
- 8 at this time.
- 9 MS. LANCASTER: Okay
- 10 BY MS. LANCASTER:
- 11 Q Turn to Exhibit 18, please.
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 Q Are you familiar with this document?
- 14 A Yes, I am.
- Q When did you have a conversation with Mr. Riley,
- the conversation that's referenced in this document?
- 17 A I couldn't tell you specifically when. It was
- 18 obviously before this letter. I think that there had been
- 19 several discussions with Mr. Riley in and about this time,
- 20 November, December of '90
- 21 O Why did you feel it necessary to write this
- 22 letter?
- 23 A We had consulted with counsel, and at this point,
- 24 we had become very sensitized to the need to be accurate and
- to distinguish between an interest in the partnership and an

- interest in the license. Initially hadn't struck me, but we
- 2 consulted with counsel, and this was a thank -- thank you, a
- 3 cost of building out the system. And if we had gotten any
- 4 other territories, they were not to share in it. It was for
- 5 their work with respect to building out in New Mexico.
- 6 Q This concerns the five percent equity option
- 7 agreement, is that correct?
- 8 A Yes.
- discussion included in the management agreement?
- 11 A Specifically I don't know, but I've looked at
- 12 those agreements subsequent to the deposition. There were
- three different entities. The management agreement was with
- 14 Metro Mobile of Southwest, Incorporated. The switch sharing
- 15 agreement, which was a separate agreement, was with Metro
- Mobile of Albuquerque, Incorporated, and the option
- 17 agreement was with Metro Mobile CTS, Incorporated.
- 18 Q Okay, but you're management agreement, which if
- 19 you want to refresh your memory is Exhibit 16.
- 20 A Okay.
- 22 is that correct?
- 23 A Yes.
- Q It basically says that Metro Mobile CTS of the
- Southwest, Inc., is going to operate the New Mexico 3

- licenses, doesn't it?
- \mathbf{A} Yes.
- JUDGE STEINBERG: Construct, operate and manage.
- 4 MS. LANCASTER: Correct.
- 5 BY MS. LANCASTER:
- 6 Now, as part of the construction, they were
- advancing the funds for the construction, weren't they?
- 8 A Yes.
- 9 O And that was Metro Mobile CTS of the Southwest
- 10 that was doing that, correct?
- 11 A That I don't know which Metro Mobile arm was
- 12 advancing the monies.
- 0 Well, the management agreement says it's going to
- 14 construct, doesn't it?
- 15 A It does. It says that, but I don't know that
- another arm of Metro Mobile wasn't funding. I don't know.
- 17 O So my question is, why would you have negotiated
- the separate option agreement with a different entity?
- 19 A To me it made no difference. I don't recall the
- 20 specific reason why it was in a separate agreement accept as
- 21 a corporate attorney looking at this I'm saying there's
- three different entities, but I don't recall what the
- 23 specific reason was.
- Q When I asked you about this at your deposition,
- Metro Mobile was basically one entity in your mind, wasn't

- 1 1t?
- A Yes, it was.
- And you had no explanation as to why the option
- 4 agreement was not included in the management agreement, did
- 5 you?
- A Yes, you're correct.
- 7 Q So why on January 15 did you suddenly feel the
- 8 need that you needed to clarify the language in the option
- 9 agreement?
- 10 A Because Neil Goldberg had told us there can't be
- any transfers in the partnership while there's a cloud over
- the partnership. You can't bring in a third party, somebody
- new, to the partnership.
- 14 Q The plain language of the option agreement itself
- indicates that Alee was agreeing to give **up** an interest in
- the partnership, doesn't it?
- 17 A Subject to FCC approval, yes.
- 18 Q But yes it does, doesn't it?
- 19 A Yes.
- Q That was originally in 1990, before you knew that
- that would be a problem, that was the intent of Alee, wasn't
- 22 it?
- 23 A I don't understand the question.
- Q In 1990, you didn't know there would be any
- 25 problem giving Metro Mobile a five percent interest in the

- 1 partnership, did you?
- 2 A The risk sharing was already an issue at this
- 3 point. When we were dealing with Metro Mobile, that was the
- 4 two pronged sword. We had a cloud over us that our license
- 5 was subject to being revoked, but we had to build out the
- 6 system or we would lose the license, so we were sensitive
- 7 now to these issues.
- 8 Q When you mean sensitive now, when is now?
- 9 A January **15**, 1991, and --
- 10 Q Right.
- 11 A November of 1990.
- 12 0 Well, you didn't see a problem in November of
- 13 1990, did you, with giving them a five percent option of the
- 14 partnership?
- 15 A Yes. Yes, I did. There was language specifically
- 16 added to that option agreement that it was subject to
- approval of the FCC and that if anything I can recall
- 18 focusing on.
- 19 Q Who added the language, first of all?
- 20 A Well, they drafted -- I think we requested that
- 21 the language -- we being counsel and the executive
- 22 committee.
- 23 Q Requested that that language be added?
- 24 A Yes.
- 25 O So originally, it just said that there would be an

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\perp	equity interest in Alee equal to five percent period is what
2	they originally said to you guys?
3	A Something to the effect that they could exercise
4	at any time an option to get a five percent interest in
5	Alee. Something to that effect.
6	Q Okay.
7	MS. LANCASTER: Your Honor, I would ask that
8	Exhibit 18, which is the January 15, 1991, letter to Michael
9	Riley from Mr. Bernstein it's a two-page letter be
10	marked as EB Exhibit 18 and be received into evidence.
11	JUDGE STEINBERG: Okay, the document described
12	will be marked for identification as Enforcement Bureau
13	Exhibit 18.
14	(The document referred to was
15	marked for identification as
16	EB Exhibit No. 18.)
17	JUDGE STEINBERG: Any objection?
18	MR. HILL: No objection.
19	MR. EVANS: No objection.

JUDGE STEINBERG: And Exhibit 18 is received.

21 (The document referred to,

22 previously identified as EB

Exhibit No. 18, was received

in evidence.)

BY MS. LANCASTER: